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1. ". . . . The first news in three years was received from our Prefecture of Kienow, Fukien. . . . living in St Albert's church compound are Fr Dominic Cheng, Fr Joseph Cheng, four Sisters, the catechist - Chen (Hsueh-wen) and his family, plus five mission helpers. Each morning they arise at 2 or 3 AM to begin the work of making bean-curd and noodles; they work hard and long hours. The daily Masses are said early in the morning. Fr Tsou (Pen-hua), formerly secretary to Foreigner Currin, is still in jail; his son is a seminarian. Mr Sheng (Kichi) is living in Kienyang; he asked his seminary son to send 'old clothing or any possible assistance.' We are unable to send packages into China. The letters from Kienow and Kienyang portray a life of hardship for the people there.
2. "Fathers Gordon, Joyce, and Byde are still under strict house-arrest in Feechow. No direct communications, although I hear indirectly that they are well. . . ."

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